

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application. Claims 1-27 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 8, 14, 17 and 27 have been amended. No claims have been added. No claims have been canceled.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-26 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Felciano et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,052,730). Applicants respectfully disagree. Claim 1 as amended is as follows:

1. A method comprising:
 - a browser on a client causing a request for a content object to be sent to retrieve the content object for display using the browser;
 - the client receiving the content object over a network connection;
 - the client, after receiving the content object and prior to allowing the browser to dynamically display the content object, examining the content object and changing a portion of the content object to reflect information stored locally to the client; and
 - the browser on the client displaying the content object changed based on the local information at the client. (Claim 1 as amended)

As set forth above, the present invention as claimed includes a browser on a client requesting a content object, the client receiving the content object and prior to allowing the browser to display it, the client changing the content object based on locally stored information. Thereafter, the browser displays the content object. In one embodiment, the local information is a link (e.g., URL). The present invention as claimed may be used in a caching system in which a client caches content locally. When a web page is requested that has content objects, the client searches the local cache for the content objects, and, for any content objects found, the client changes links in the web page to direct them to the content objects stored locally.

Felciano is used for a completely different purpose. More specifically, Felciano monitors web traffic with a central system. When a client makes a request, a server modifies links in an HTML document being requested to force the request to proceed through the server. More

specifically, Felciano discloses a redirection scheme in which URLs in an HTML document are changed to add a gateway URL so that further requests to such a document automatically go through a gateway server. The gateway server upon receiving the request for this modified document, obtains the same document (modified only with the addition of the gateway URL) from the server on behalf of the web browser. However, the document is displayed on the web browser based on its contents retrieval from the server. The client itself does not modify the content. Thus, Felciano does not disclose a client, on which a browser runs and requests content objects, changing a content object requested by the browser, prior to being displayed on the browser, based on locally stored information (e.g., changing links to point to locally stored content). In view of this, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention as claimed is not anticipated by Felciano.

Furthermore, Claim 8 sets forth that the client changes a content object with at least additional objects if the client determines an individual has subscribed to those additional objects. Felciano is silent respect to changing content based on subscription. In view of this, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention as claimed is not anticipated by Felciano.

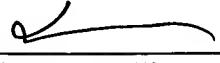
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 has been overcome by the amendments and the remarks and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested. Applicants submit that Claims 1-27 as amended are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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